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❖ END OF AN ERA

Arcata Garbage hands off to Recology

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ARCATA – What used to be as simple as emptying garbage cans into a truck and dumping everything out at Mt. Trashmore has become a very different process these days. Arcata's garbage pile is now part of an eco-marsh, and trash collection is now resource recovery.

Sealing the end of an era is the transformation of Arcata Garbage Co. to Recology Humboldt County. But for Arcata's garbage customers, the difference should be little more than a different name on the bill.

Arcata Garbage owner Rick Fusi said the time had come to quit the only job he's ever had and sell his family business. His father, Eugene, had operated Arcata's streetsweeper in the 1950s, then bought the company in 1961.

In those days, the "garbagemen" would manually hoist the cans and empty the contents into the dump truck. When the trash piled up in the bed, they had to get in and even out the load with pitchforks.

Rick Fusi went to work there in 1975, then gradually bought out his father and Uncle Joe, taking over when his dad retired in the mid-1980s. Up until five years ago, he served as a driver, hauling Arcata's garbage and unintended discards.

"People throw away money, things that are brand new in boxes," Fusi said. Sometimes they would call to have him look for the discards, but that can't be done any more. The truck loading is automated, and loads are compressed to take up less space. "You really don't see what you're putting in there any more," Fusi said.

Trash collectors do still get to see early **GARBAGE ❖ A2**

DA: Criminals now more brazen

Paul Mann
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EUREKA – Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming warned that North Coast burglars and home invaders "are becoming more and more bold" as they commit felonies around the clock.

"The fact is that the vast majority of crimes now are occurring during

daytime hours when people are at work" and they don't know what they will come home to, she said.

With burglaries and home invasions a 24-7 phenomenon, residents fear deterrence is failing. They tell Fleming that the blame lies with the major changes to criminal statutes in recent years that have led to shorter sentences and early release.

Anecdotal, the public views these weaker, even indulgent jail terms as insufficient.

"People are scared" that criminals are being released too soon and wreaking havoc as repeat offenders, Fleming quoted citizens as telling her privately.

In an extensive interview last **DA ❖ A3**



Maggie Fleming

❖ LOOKING AHEAD

Targeting smokers

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MCKINLEYVILLE – In the coming year, the Board of Supervisors may consider an ordinance that would ban smoking near entryways, at parks and beaches, and possibly even in apartments located in unincorporated Humboldt County.

The idea of creating an ordinance to protect people from secondhand smoke was recently discussed by the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, which decided to postpone taking a position until it had more time to receive public input. The committee will take up the matter at its next meeting Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Jay McCubbrey, project director of Tobacco Free Humboldt, explained to the committee the reasons for an ordinance and how the county compares to other jurisdictions when it comes to regulating secondhand smoke.

Arcata, Eureka, Blue Lake and Fortuna all have their own smoking ordinances, which limit where people can smoke. But unincorporated Humboldt County, which includes McKinleyville, Westhaven, Orick, Willow Creek and Cullen, do not have an ordinance. Smokers can be alive with pleasure in parks, on trails, at the beach, at outdoor worksites and while **SMOKING ❖ A2**



WHERE HORSES HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY The Welcome to McKinleyville sign that fell over a couple years ago recently got a fresh coat of paint and will be put back up soon in Mack Town. The sign used to be located at the Vista Point off U.S. Highway 101, but the metal poles that held it up rusted away and the sign fell during a windstorm. Members of McKinleyville Community Watch raised \$1,200 to restore the sign, which will soon go up on Bella Vista Hill on Central Avenue. Top, volunteer Alecia Sacre Coeur paints the sign. McKinleyville resident Dennis Mayo is working with a welder to create the supports that will hold the sign up. No date has been announced for when the sign will go up.

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Uncertainty for health care, pot in the age of Trump

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HUMBOLDT – State Assemblymember Jim Wood has told the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors that the presidential election of Donald Trump has brought "uncertainty" to California, with health care and marijuana regulation being two main aspects.

Wood, who represents the state's North Coast district, was at the Dec. 13 Supervisors meeting to talk about his work and his goals. He highlighted the potential effects of Trump's election and the changes it could bring, saying that the Affordable

Care Act is in crosshairs and the effects of a total repeal could be drastic.

"If there is a complete repeal of the Affordable Care Act, it will potentially be a \$20 billion – with a B – dollar hit to California and that will be really, really significant for safety net health programs throughout the state," Wood said. "And as we know, in rural California, we're already struggling to get adequate providers and adequate funding for care and this would be a huge, huge issue for us."

Another wildcard is how the feds will



Jim Wood

asked whether a federal mandate to back off of enforcement actions in states that have marijuana regulations in place "would protect us."

Wood said the state's medical marijuana

deal with state-level marijuana law. Trump has appointed Senator Jeff Sessions, who strongly maintains marijuana is harmful and shouldn't be legal on any level, as the U.S. Attorney General.

"That's got to leave a lot of people very concerned, certainly with medical cannabis," said Wood.

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg asked whether a federal mandate to back off of enforcement actions in states that have marijuana regulations in place "would protect us."

industry would be "potentially" protected but he has doubts about recreational use. "A lot of that is up to interpretation at this point," he continued.

With recreational marijuana only being legal in eight states – compared to 28 states for medical – "there's some question as to how aggressive the new administration will be on this issue and nobody really knows." State-level legal change may also have dramatic effects. The voter approval of Prop. 64, which legalizes and sets forth a regulatory framework for recreational marijuana, has given rise to concerns about corporate

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McKINLEYVILLE ELECTION Four candidates are running for one seat on the McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors. Candidates for the board seat – vacated by Helen Edwards last summer – are Mary Burke, David Coelho, Bonnie Oliver and James Vance. Registered voters in McKinleyville will receive ballots in the mail and must return them to the county Elections Office by March 14.



PACK-AM-IN Arcata Garbage owners Joe and Gene Fusi, date unknown. PHOTO COURTESY ARCATA GARBAGE/RECOLOGY HUMBOLDT

Garbage | Nonwastefulness

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morning sights most Arcatans miss out on. “You see people doing weird things around the Plaza,” Fusi said. “I saw a guy trying to light Don’s Donuts on fire one time.” He reported the incident, of course.

He’ll miss the nine drivers and three office personnel that made up Arcata Garbage, as well as the town and its people. “We’ve been lucky to have a really great relationship with the City of Arcata,” he said. “I’m going to miss Arcata.”

He plans to spend winters in Arizona and summers in Weaverville, do a lot of golfing and “see what happens.”

As far as his company’s new owners, Recology, he said they’re worthy. “I’ve been debating this over the last couple of years,” Fusi said. “I looked at a couple of other companies. But I’m confident that they’ll be the best fit for Arcata.”

The Arcata City Council agreed Dec. 14, when it transferred the city’s solid waste and recycling collection contract over to Recology. The employee-owned firm has a solid track record, its 45 operating companies already serving 725,000 residential and 110,000 commercial customers in California, Oregon and Washington.

Recology General Manager Linda Wise said she doesn’t plan any major changes. In discussions with the city, the company said it plans to maintain the same office, phone number, staff and other facilities. The contract is in effect through June 30, 2029.

But the future of garbage is far different than what Arcata Garbage’s founders in the 1930s may have envisioned. The name alone – a portmanteau of recycling and ecology – tells the story.

“We want to be known as the resource recovery people,” Wise said. “Our philosophy is to embrace nonwastefulness, and not just in garbage – with air, land, water and energy. It’s the way of life these days.”

Humboldt Waste Management Authority Executive Director Jill Duffy appreciates the continuity. “We work really well together and are looking forward to continuing with diversion projects as they become available.”

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Sewer/water bills likely to rise in Manila

Jack Durham
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MANILA – Residents in the salty outpost may see their combined sewer/water bills go up by \$14.49 a month by next summer.

The rate increase was discussed by the Manila Community Services District Board of Directors at its Dec. 15 meeting, during which the board received a presentation on a water and sewer rate study from Brett Vivyan, an engineer with GHD, who is also a Manila resident.

Vivyan provided a detailed report to the board showing that, although water and sewer rates have not increased in eight years, inflation has, jacking up the costs of supplying water to the peninsula town’s 350 customers. Another blow to the district was the closure this year of the Sierra Pacific Mill, which was the town’s largest water customer.

Vivyan estimated that the average operating budget for the town’s water department would be about \$194,00 a year over the next five years. If rates are not raised, the fund would incur an average annual deficit of about

\$35,000.

The sewer department would have an average operating budget of \$189,000 a year over the next five years, with an average deficit of \$13,000.

In order to erase those deficits, the average monthly combined sewer/water bill, which is now about \$68.29, would need to be raised to about \$82.78, an increase of about \$14.49 a month.

The actual charge would depend upon the size of a customer’s water meter and the amount of water consumed.

These numbers are preliminary, and don’t include possible changes to the district’s contract with its wholesale water supplier, the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

Firmer numbers may be brought back to the board in January. The board may also consider phasing in the increase, which would result in planned deficits in the first few years until the increases caught up with the district’s revenue needs.

Public hearings on the increase could be held as early as March.

Volunteers needed for Point-in-Time count

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

HUMBOLDT – With the biennial Point-in-Time (PIT) count of homeless people coming up Jan. 31, the PIT committee is looking for volunteers and gathering donations.

During the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 31, volunteers will go to places throughout the county where homeless people are known to sleep, and take a head count.

The count is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requirement. Information gathered during this count is used by local planning departments and by county nonprofit agencies in applications for grant funding and planning.

Throughout the day, volunteers will also be stationed at hubs across the county that homeless people frequent for services. Willing homeless

participants will be asked to complete a survey to find out some basic information about them.

Currently, PIT committee members said they are expecting four hubs in Eureka, one each in Arcata and Fortuna and two in McKinleyville. The homeless count further east is expected to be conducted by Mobile Outreach staff from the Department of Health & Human Services. Throughout the week, as staff venture to different locations, they will survey homeless people and ask where they slept on the night of Jan. 30.

“The results help us get a clearer picture of the demographics of our homeless population which aids us in planning for the future,” said Sally Hewitt, Health & Human Services senior program manager and co-chair of the Humboldt Housing and Homeless

Coalition. “Getting accurate numbers is especially important this year with the recent passing of the No Place Like Home Initiative. The initiative will provide \$2 billion for housing and services for homeless people in communities across California.”

Once the count has been completed, staff at the California Center for Rural Policy will analyze the count data and produce a final report.

The coalition is looking for people interested in assisting with the count, as well as people interested in donating new socks for homeless people who participate in the survey. Food for count volunteers is also needed.

For more information, contact Health & Human Services Secretary Wendy Choate at (707) 441-5520. Information is also available at humboldthousing.org.

Trump | Will feds block pot?

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control of the marijuana industry.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell asked how Prop. 64 could affect Humboldt County “if it survives the federal change.”

Wood said he is concerned about the state’s allowance of a license that would allow for “unlimited-scale cultivation.” Actually approval of those licenses may not happen, he continued, but is possible.

He added that in some places in the state, larger-scale producers have already established themselves. Supply will be influenced by demand, however, and “I do have

to wonder how much cannabis is the state going to produce – I don’t know what the need is out there, quite frankly,” he said.

Wood, who co-authored the state’s Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act, said he is also concerned about how the medical and Prop. 64 systems will mesh. He said that Prop. 64’s “fine print” about the legislature not being allowed to contradict the intent of the initiative could be an opening for litigation.

Other issues highlighted by Wood included expanding broadband telecommunications access in rural areas, advancing a state program for transportation infrastructure improvements and supporting affordable housing.

Smoking | 17% of Humboldters smoke

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standing in line at ATMs or waiting at a bus stops.

Tobacco Free Humboldt is advocating for what it calls a “model ordinance,” which would include maximum restrictions, going as far as to prohibit smoking at common areas in apartment complexes, and even in the apartments themselves.

The issue hasn’t come before the Board of Supervisors yet, so it is not clear how far the proposed ordinance would go in protecting people from secondhand smoke.

McCubbrey said that smoking restrictions have proven to be effective

in decreasing smoking rates, which thereby reduces emergency room visits and deaths.

McCubbrey noted that when he started his job about 20 years ago, about 25 percent of the people in California were smokers. That number is now down to 10 percent. In Humboldt, however, the rate is 17 percent.

“We’ve got our work to do up here,” he said.

Smoking is the nation’s leading preventable cause of death. Second-hand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death, McCubbrey told the committee.

The deaths result not just from long-term exposure, but even just people walking through a cloud of smoke. McCubbrey said that smoke can trigger heart attacks in people who have heart conditions.

Committee member Kevin Dreyer said that since this was the first time the committee had discussed the proposed ordinance, it should take some time to get public input. The matter will be discussed again on Jan. 25. The committee typically meets at 6 p.m. at the Azalea Conference Center located at the back of McKinleyville Middle School. However, sometimes the venue is changed depending on availability and expected public turnout.

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtby.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meetings
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov

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WELCOME TO MACK TOWN On Dec 10, the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for Matt Walker’s Balanced Spa Center, which recently opened at 1681A Sutter Rd. next to Thomas Home Center in McKinleyville. Balanced Spas has been selling U.S.A.-made Maax Spas since opening in 1999 in the Valley West Shopping Center in Arcata. Balanced Spa also features Liberty Safes. They also carry single gun vaults to 64 gun safes, small home safes and accessories.

HEATHER VIÑA | MCKINLEYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Marching band may play, but only locally

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HSU – Humboldt State’s Marching Lumberjacks will be allowed to perform locally, but is still banned from playing outside the county.

The band announced the new development in a press release issued Dec. 22.

“We have been informed this week that the band will be allowed to perform at local events,” states a press release from the band. “However, at this moment, the band is restricted from representing the university outside of Humboldt County; this would include supporting our basketball teams on the road, as well as planned performances during the upcoming spring semester in Cloverdale, Davis and San Francisco.

“We are hopeful that this is the first step in restoring our ability in the upcoming semester to represent the students, the university, and the community up and down the entire West Coast,” the release continues.

On Dec. 17, the university announced that the band was temporarily suspended while an investigation was underway into alleged violations of university policies.

“The suspension follows the discovery in the band’s on-campus space of inappropriate printed materials and photographs, graffiti, open containers of alcohol and numerous safety and building code violations,” stated the university, which did not provide additional details.

Eureka water tank gets some Logger love

EUREKA CITY SCHOOLS
EUREKA – “Eureka, Home of the Loggers” is now proudly displayed on Eureka’s water tower.

The project was unanimously supported by the Eureka City Council and funded entirely by private donors. Dale Maples, a Eureka native and Eureka High alumnus, spearheaded the effort and saw the project through to its

completion.
According to Maples, the actual design symbolizes a shared mission of the City of Eureka and Eureka City Schools to work together for a healthier Eureka. The written Loggers logo was selected over others that were more particular to a certain sport or club.

Maples added, “Eureka Senior

High is the flagship of Eureka City Schools, and the Logger’s logo is its banner. Eureka City Schools represents the health of our community.”

Eureka City Schools has approximately 4,000 students in attendance daily. Those students represent approximately 6,000 parents.

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DA | Highway deaths fueled by booze, drugs

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week in the courthouse law library, the district attorney listed multiple factors powering Humboldt crime: overly lenient state laws; high rates of driving while intoxicated; the county’s nightmarish marijuana, drug and alcohol culture; the prevalence of domestic violence and the deep-rooted poverty that inflicts childhood trauma and impairs children’s health, often with lifelong afflictions, including criminal behavior.

Fleming asserts these remorseless facts sow contempt for decency and the sanctity of life. “It’s something that we see in the rise of all violence. I do think for some that it’s [connected] to drugs and the attitude that they have towards others, whether it be related to the fact that they’re providing substances for financial gain or because they themselves have issues with substances and act out in order to support that, as in the recent string of robberies we’ve had. I also think that the statewide statutory changes we’ve seen have very negatively impacted our community.”

She cited Prop 47, which converted some felonies to misdemeanors. Grand theft-person is one of them. The law has resulted in

shorter periods of custody “and we have a considerable number of individuals who are chronic offenders,” she said. “I know the community is shocked that someone can have four or five probation cases.”

Another factor is AB 109, designed to reduce overcrowding in state prisons. So-called “low-level offenders” serve time in local jails instead of state institutions.

“Our jail population now includes a higher number of offenders who used to go to prison,” Fleming lamented. “The result is that we not only have less room in the jail but it also alters who is in our community’s general population.”

Her office pushes to obtain longer sentences if defendants fail to honor commitments to enter drug treatment or mental health programs. When that happens, “the court has to start imposing other consequences,” the district attorney said.

Fortunately, she added, the Probation Department has agreed in a limited number of instances to supervise misdemeanor cases, to help ensure that defendants follow through with their rehabilitation and recovery.

“Many of our chronic misdemeanor of-

fenders do have issues that are driving their behavior. When they’re in custody, they may do well for two or three weeks,” then renege on treatment when they’re released.

For other criminals who are unrepentant lawbreakers, “we argue for more time in the local jail because we know the day they get out we see them re-offend.”

Another reason Humboldt’s three-year homicide rate is at record levels is highway deaths fueled by drugs and alcohol.

“When you think of our high homicide rate, a number of those are vehicular,” Fleming emphasized. “What we see here are people who drive with very high blood alcohol levels. Many of them [do so] after using prescription medications while [also] using marijuana, heroin and methamphetamine – and think nothing of it!”

Fleming is concerned that local citizens may lack awareness of how rampant the threat is. “We see DUIs all day long in this community and that’s the part I don’t think the public understands. There are people who are drinking or using prescription meds or smoking marijuana or using methamphetamine or heroin and driving at 2 o’clock in the afternoon. Some of our fatalities are in the middle of the day or early evening.”

Her office has four vehicular manslaughter

cases pending, including the murder charge in the multi-count McKinleyville hit-and-run earlier this month that killed a 16-year-old-girl.

Commenting at length on the manifold impacts of Humboldt’s pernicious drug culture, Fleming said, “The community is really shocked by [these hit-and-run cases] as it should be.

She is “more shocked,” she added, by the high number of local traffic accidents in general, far higher than Redding’s, which has a much larger population and sits astride Interstate 5.

Of domestic violence and anger management programs, Fleming said there are not enough openings for those, mostly men, who cannot afford to pay. Optimally, she would like treatment programs to be concurrent with incarceration. Absent that, recidivism rises. She is pressing to move in that direction.

Regarding the consequences of decriminalizing recreational marijuana consumption, Fleming believes the new law will reduce her office’s caseload. But, she said, the “obvious flip side” will be violations that emerge as the permitting process goes forward, resulting in cases arising either from environmental damage or from grows that exceed the county’s guidelines.

Fleming eager to seek re-election

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — Asked if she will run for a second term, Humboldt County District Attorney Maggie Fleming answered instantly, with gusto, “Yes! Absolutely!”

Wrapping up her first two years in office, Fleming is the first woman elected to be the county’s chief law enforcement officer, with almost 61 percent of the vote in 2014. She is full of enthusiasm about her professional future.

“I’m looking forward to it, I’m already thinking ahead,” she said in an interview last week. “I’m going to keep building, working really hard on rapidly developing the attorneys that we’ve hired. It’s a very young office and I spend a lot of time with them. I look forward to how the office is going to progress in the next four to six more years and beyond that, too, I hope.”

“Young office” refers in part to the Measure Z funds that have allowed Fleming to fill positions that had been frozen during the lean years, including three attorneys and a number of victim witness employees. All told, she has hired 11 people.

This growth helps to reduce the lag time to trial, she says.

As Fleming promised in her 2014 election campaign, she has instituted “vertical prosecutions” – criminal justice jargon for assigning the same prosecutor to a case from beginning to end. It strengthens communication and continuity between prosecutors and law enforcement officers, she says. It also allows her staff to stay in regular touch with witnesses and victim survivors as a case moves through the judicial system.

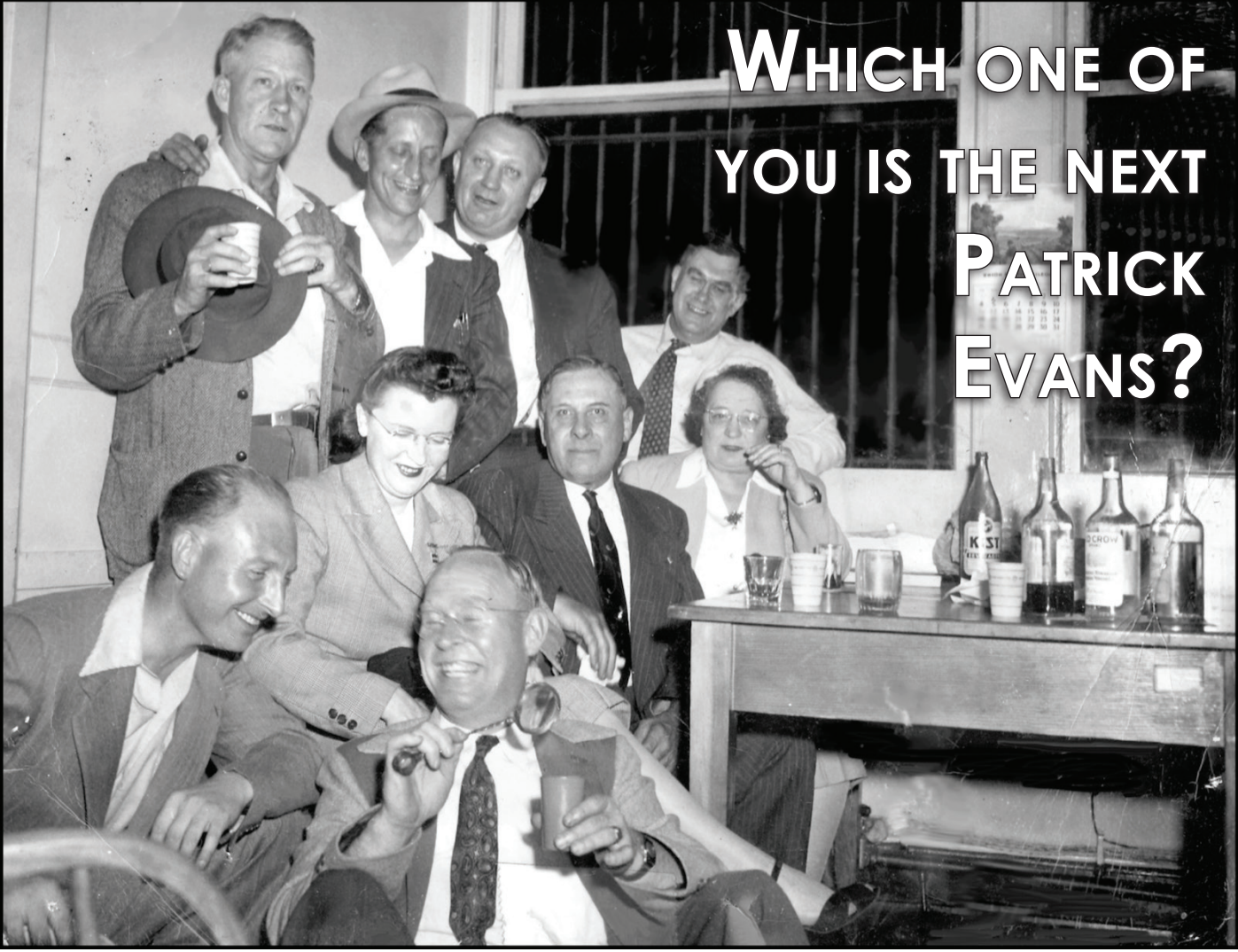
Though Fleming has shrunk the case backlog, she has received numerous cases recently involving co-defendants. They “are particularly time consuming,” she said. “We see significant delays in spite of our efforts to move them along” because it is difficult to coordinate the conflicting schedules of multiple defense attorneys. A case that should take two to three weeks might last two to three months.

“I share the public concern about the time it takes to try these serious, violent cases,” Fleming said. “They should be moving through the courts sooner. The legal objective is always to try all those responsible in one proceeding. It’s partly a matter of judicial economy, but it’s also the right thing to do, in presenting the facts to a jury so that the jury has the whole picture.”

She is optimistic that the case backlog will ease in 2017 with the filling of an open judgeship. “I’m hopeful simply because it has sat vacant for a year,” she said.

Fleming exhorted the public to understand that her office can only prosecute a case with the evidence gathered by law enforcement, evidence that proves to the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that the accused is guilty. Often, she explained, when charges are not brought and a case doesn’t go forward, “the public will respond, ‘Well, I’ve heard’ or ‘So-and-so told me that someone told them’.”

Such hearsay does not meet the burden of proof, which is the strength of the U.S. system, Fleming said.



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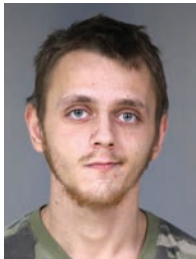
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HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HOOPA – On Tuesday, Dec. 20 at approximately 7:52 a.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of a possible kidnapping that had just occurred at a residence on the 400 block of Pine Creek Road in Hoopa. It was reported that Travis Dillan Watson, 21, gained access to a family member's residence by breaking out a window, entering the residence and removing his daughter.
Watson fled the scene in his vehicle while holding his unrestrained 19-month-old daughter on his lap. While fleeing the scene, Watson was reported to have rammed a vehicle at the family member's residence, causing significant damage to the other vehicle.
Deputies quickly located the suspected vehicle at the 3000 block of Highway 96. Watson was arrested without incident and taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on suspicion of child endangerment, felony vandalism, trespassing, probation violation and an outstanding warrant for assault with a firearm. His bail was set at \$50,000. Watson's daughter was uninjured and released to family members.



Travis Dillan Watson

Suspected stalker seized

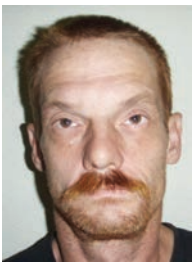
HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EUREKA – On Thursday, Dec. 22 at about 10:30 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office received a report of an unwanted subject outside a residence on the 4000 block of Cedar Street in Eureka. Deputies have previously received numerous calls in regards to the subject allegedly stalking a female victim at various locations.
The subject, Todd William Gonsalves, 43, was observed on the 3000 block of Cedar Street by deputies. Gonsalves fled from deputies on foot and a search ensued. Deputies soon located Gonsalves hiding in some bushes on the 3000 block of Walnut Drive. Gonsalves was arrested without incident.
Deputies searched Gonsalves incident to arrest and located numerous stolen credit cards in his possession. Gonsalves was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on suspicion of stalking, violation of a court order, burglary, resisting arrest, violation of probation, credit card fraud, mail theft, possession of stolen property and possessing a concealed dirk or dagger. His bail was set at \$100,000.
The victims of the credit card thefts will be contact by law enforcement to retrieve their property.
Anyone with information for the Sheriff's Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff's Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.



Todd William Gonsalves

Hit & run murder suspect admitted drinking

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION
EUREKA – The McKinleyville murder suspect accused of killing a Mack Town teenager in a hit-and-run collision near Mill Creek Marketplace Dec. 14 confessed at the scene that he had been drinking.
James Arthur Merrick II, 47, who has a prior DUI record and is a registered out-of-state sex offender, “voluntarily admitted to having consumed alcohol earlier in the evening,” according to notes taken at the scene by a California Highway Patrol officer and incorporated in the case file.
Merrick's blood alcohol levels registered .166 percent and .159 percent; the legal limit is 0.08 percent. He admitted he was alone in his 2000 Dodge Ram 1500, which struck and killed 16-year-old Tessa Gingerich, also of McKinleyville, a student at Pacific Coast High School.
CHP said Gingerich died at Mad River Community Hospital shortly after she was hit at about 8:07 p.m.



James Arthur Merrick III

Dec. 14.
Merrick pleaded not guilty last week to four counts: murder; driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense; DUI with more than 0.08 percent alcohol causing injury; hit and run driving resulting in the death of, or serious injury to, another person.
Merrick's \$1 million bail was withheld by Judge Marilyn B. Miles because of his prior DUI and violation of probation for “reckless driving involving alcohol.” He is in Humboldt County jail pending a preliminary hearing on Jan. 3 at 9:45 p.m. His lawyer is attorney David Lee in the Office of Conflict Counsel, who delivered Merrick's not guilty pleas.
According to CHP, Gingerich was walking northbound on the east shoulder of Central Avenue, north of Anna Sparks Way. Merrick was turning his 2000 Dodge Ram 1500 from eastbound Anna Sparks Way onto northbound Central Avenue. He allegedly allowed the truck, which weighs in at

some 4,100 to 5,200 pounds, “to drift off the roadway and onto the shoulder after turning onto Central Avenue.”
After striking the teenager, the truck continued eastbound on the shoulder until it ran into a light pole, CHP said.
“Witnesses on scene stated that Merrick attempted to back his truck away from the area of impact, moving five to 10 feet from the impact,” according to the CHP arrest record. “Merrick had to be physically removed from [the] truck by witnesses to keep him from fleeing the scene.”
The fatal McKinleyville hit-and-run resembles the deaths of two teenage girls last July in Fortuna. Marci Kitchen, 39, of Fortuna is free on \$750,000 bail after pleading not guilty on multiple counts to colliding with her daughter Kiya and close friend Faith Lorraine Tsarnas as they skateboarded together on Fortuna's outskirts after dark on July 12.
Like Merrick, Kitchen is accused of drunken driving but is charged with gross vehicular manslaughter, not murder, among other charges. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 20.

Forest pygmy pony ‘bucks at passersby’

Wednesday, December 7 12:34 p.m. A loud argument broke out between a man and woman at a Valley West restaurant.
1:57 p.m. A shaven-headed man peered into vehicles, climbed in bushes and swung sticks and a bike lock at passing traffic outside a Valley West preschool.
6:40 p.m. Possibly the worst place in all Arcata to leave a car full of fungible treasure would be the 14th Street Redwood Park parking lot. And yet the former owner of a green backpack containing a laptop computer and cell phone, plus a gray duffel bag with ski gear, not to mention a passenger side window, did just that.
• Thursday, December 8 6:30 a.m. A woman in a possible dress tried to steal whatever she could from a Heindon Road restaurant, including the tip jar. She was advised not to trespass.
10:21 a.m. A former video rental business at Seventh and F streets has become an encampment area, and someone stepped in poo there.
2:02 a.m. Three people were reported trimming large amounts of ferns in the Arcata Community Forest, bagging their clippings



and loading them into a blue van with a beige streak. The fern brigands were described as an older man with black and gray hair, a young woman with brown hair and a small girl evidently being trained in fern-snatching practices.
5:09 p.m. A woman was reportedly being verbally and financially abused by her son.
8:25 p.m. A guy tracked down his stolen car on South G Street.
• Friday, December 9 2:20 a.m. A woman said she had a dream that told her to call the police about her neighbor.
6:36 a.m. Three armed suspects reportedly robbed a man at a Valley West motel, and were headed to Sacramento in a white Pontiac. Police made at least one arrest.
8:38 a.m. A sub-genius in an old green Jeep near-missed pedestrians in the crosswalk out front of an Old Arcata Road school.
3:20 p.m. Twelve protesters occupied a Plaza bank lobby for a time.
4:33 p.m. Someone left a refrigerator at an old friend's Eye Street house, but when he went to pick it up, the friend wouldn't relinquish the icebox.
4:43.m. When a motorist on Spear Avenue declined to give a man in a teal shirt and black boxer shorts a ride, he commenced masturbating.
5:30 p.m. A man sat soaking wet in a wheelchair under a tree at a Fourth Street market. Police went to check on him, but he was gone.
6:28 p.m. After a traffic collision, the crasher left a note with a fake phone number. Which didn't help them elude justice, since they live in the same apartment building as the crasher.
• Saturday, December 10 4:24 a.m. Camping gear and work files left in a vehicle on 12th Street were stolen. This followed a neighbor's vehicle being robbed three weeks previous.
7:25 p.m. A black Chevy Tahoe with paper dealer plates left a Valley West gas station with a woman passenger holding a baby in her lap.

• Sunday, December 11 12:59 p.m. A woman with dyed red hair, a black jacket with pink lining, blue jeans and boots with pink bottoms stole a bottle of doggie shampoo from a Uniontown pet store.
• Monday, December 12 8:58 a.m. A woman in a sleeping bag at the entrance to a Uniontown financial institution screamed at a patron, preventing entry.
10:22 a.m. “Respond to the short metal pole close to the café,” read the dispatcher log. “Unknown subject placed a needle inside of the pole.”
10:46 a.m. A man in camouflage pants and blue sweater wandered the grounds of a Union Street apartment complex, asking about probation officers and helicopters. He then went inside the apartment of someone who wasn't home.
10:59 a.m. The aggressive emails being sent a business owner were getting progressively worse.
12:39 p.m. A man at the rear of an Alliance Road apartment complex wore a black and red checkered shirt as he jumped up and down for a half hour, screaming, “WHY ARE YOU SO ANGRY?”
10:13 p.m. A heavy-set man with a goatee and glasses removed a purse from the bar at an I Street tavern, subtracted the cash, and put it back.
10:34 p.m. Refusing to leave, yelling. Left.
10:38 p.m. Refusing to leave, wearing a cowboy hat. Left.
10:48 p.m. Refusing to leave, wearing red shorts. Left.
• Tuesday, December 13 11:01 a.m. A surly scammer went door to door with a clipboard on Iverson Avenue, aggressively demanding to see residents' utility bills.
3:56 p.m. As one man and his dogs set up a camp next to the transit center, another guy joined in the spirit of petty lawlessness and cracked open a brew. Both were shunted away.
4:09 p.m. Resplendent in an elegant Oakland Raiders jacket and saggy pants, one suave gent took a debonair whiz on someone's car out front of a Plaza hotel.
• Wednesday, December 14 5:32 a.m. A dis-

tinctively customized white 1992 Honda Accord was stolen from J Street within the past three hours, having been left unlocked with a spare key in the center console. Missing paint on the hood, the vintage vehicle bore a “FREEDOM IS SLAVERY, WAR IS PEACE” bumper sticker.
9:35 a.m. Car campers on Fifth Street festooned the surrounding area with garbage and used hypodermic needles.
1:12 p.m. A man clad all in black sauntered down a Valley West breezeway, striking objects with a large metal pipe consistent with some unknown life mission.
1:36 p.m. Someone left a rolling suitcase unattended in front of a Plaza hotel, and away it rolled.
2:39 p.m. A tattoo-faced man apparently had urgent need of Christmas decorations, which he stopped and collected from a Valley West resident's front yard.
7:26 p.m. When a 12th Street resident asked a woman in black and white tights not to set up a campsite in her front yard, the camper became agitated and trudged away southbound.
• Thursday, December 15 4:09 a.m. A roommate who was served an eviction notice solved the problem by locking herself in her room.
10:10 a.m. Someone cut the locks on a Janes Rad motel's dumpster and filled it with garbage, with more trash gifted at surrounding locations.
1:39 p.m. The Arcata Community Forest's plucky pygmy pony was again spotted, this time “bucking at passersby” with its small-tiny hooves as it trotted up Trail 8 near the power lines.
4:23 p.m. Another sports fan, identified as such by his jaunty “Dallas Cowboys” hat, banged in an H Street business's window and, lacking tiny hooves, resorted to arguing with passersby.
4:52 p.m. A red-haired man with his wife and child walked out of a Plaza restaurant-tavern without paying for their meal.
7:22 p.m. A scammer phoned a Q Street resident with news that he had won mega-millions of dollars.

A Joint Fire Investigation Task Force has concluded its *Cause and Origin Fire Investigation* and *Cause of Death for the H Street Fire Fatality* that took the life of Arcata resident Stephen McGeary.... Following an extensive investigation, it has been determined that the cause of the Dec. 7 fire was discarded smoking materials.

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No more farting giraffes!

The movie theaters here royally suck.

The local “chain” that owns Broadway and Mill Creek should consider running *different* movies at these theaters 12 miles apart from each other. Incredibly, they run the same slate of mostly crap at both theaters.

The Minor Theater is supposed to be our local off-beat/art-house option. Right now, they’re running *Rogue One* and *Moana*. Both of which are also playing guess-where-else?

The Fortuna Theater also sucks and runs multiple screens of the latest Disney/Pixar animated crap-film that inevitably is about snarky, sarcastic animals voiced by such noted voice-actors as Cameron Diaz and Ben Affleck. Doesn’t it bug you when mainstream leading-actors get voice-acting roles?

Two months ago, I began reading rave reviews of *Manchester By The Sea*. This movie supposedly is contending for multiple Oscars and was put in wide release! Problematically, *Manchester* features human actors living in present-day reality. Apparently, our local theaters are too occupied with farting giraffes to run it.

There are lots of little art-house-type movies that should be shown here – at the Minor, ATL, or at some goddamn place with a soul. Why aren’t they? Like *Operation Avalanche*, about how NASA faked the Apollo moon landings. This came out in early 2016 and screened at Sundance but hasn’t shown here and you can’t watch it on Netflix, YouTube or Amazon.

It wasn’t always like this. Twenty-five years ago, Eureka alone had *four movie theaters* all showing *different stuff*: Broadway Cinema, Bayshore, Eureka Theater and State Theater. Now we have one that caters to kindergarteners.

Ryan Hurley
Eureka

Ed. note: By the time the Union went to press, Arcata’s Minor Theatre was, in fact, screening Manchester By The Sea, as well as Loving and Moonlight.



4-H FOR BABIES Every year, 4-H members collect donations for newborn baby baskets to donate to local families throughout the county. This year, Jenna Sadler from Freshwater 4-H brought a basket with \$250 worth of brand new items to newborn baby Boston Louis Cavanaugh. Boston was born Dec. 20 at Mad River Community Hospital to Katie Ellis and Ryan Doucet. He weighed 8.4 pounds and was 21 inches long.

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NEW CRABS ASSISTANT COACH Humboldt Crabs manager Robin Guiver has added Crabs alumni and Feather River College assistant coach Ryan Dettman to the Crabs roster. He will join pitching coach Eric Giaccone and Brad Morgan for the 74th consecutive year of Crabs baseball on the North Coast. Fans may remember Dettman as an outfielder for the Crabs during summer 2012, while he was playing at Oregon State University. Dettman graduated from Del Campo High School in the Sacramento area in 2008 and played for the American River College Beavers in 2010 and 2011, graduating with an AA degree. He moved on to Oregon State, playing for the Beavers in 2012 and 2013 and earning a BA in sociology. While at American River, Ryan earned All-Nor Cal honors as an outfielder and was selected to the Big 8 All-Conference team. For the past three years, he has spent time coaching in the Chico area, where he helped out with the Chico Aces travel ball team at all age levels. As Crabs assistant coach, Dettman hopes to continue to build on the success of past Crabs teams and players. He plans to help build the baseball skills and knowledge of new players.



Ryan Dettman

Back to the good old days? Give me a break!

Give me a break. I have tried, without much success, to keep the drivel coming from the Poser-Elect from seeping into my consciousness, but in the last couple weeks, I have heard things that make my blood run cold. The Good Old Days? Let’s review.

I, like many of you, was born just after WWII into an American culture that was rapidly changing, and not always for the better. Forget the fact that working American women were forced to give up their jobs and be stuffed back into the kitchen and bedrooms for the amusement of men, the government had discovered that there is prosperity in war and we had to find a new enemy.

Enter Senator Joe McCarthy and his creepy henchman, Richard Nixon. The communists were the new enemy. Forget the fact that for over 30 years we lived in terror of being annihilated in a most horrific manner; the Cold War was good for business.

When that waned, the government looked elsewhere for a blood and guts conflict that would boost productivity and income for the U.S. war machine.

In 1947, General Dwight Eisenhower, at the behest of President Harry Truman, committed U.S. Troops to protect the interest of its most favored ally, France, in the jungles of Southeast Asia from what was then, and still is now, a civil war. The 1960s in the U.S. was marked by a horrific armed services draft that took young men to war, to die.

I went to high school in the richest enclave in California, and still 10 percent of my graduating class was killed in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia – countries so vague that we all rushed to the atlas to find them on a map. The numbers in the poor sections of Los Angeles, Chicago, New York etc. were much higher. Is it any wonder that people took to the streets to make their voices heard and try to stop the slaughter?

Make no mistake about it, the Vietnam War ended not because of the protests but because it was no longer profitable and the war machine needed a new enemy.

The 1970s weren’t much better. Imagine my surprise that in 1972 the Supreme Court told me that my body was my own and I could make decisions all by myself. I was shocked; I

always thought I was a person and citizen. The ’70s also brought us the opening of diplomatic and trade relations with the Big Red Horde in China; the resignation of a president for – guess what? – orchestrating the theft of opposition research from the DNC; and the election of the most genuinely smart and kind man to ever hold the office, Jimmy Carter.

Of course goodness had no chance against the might of the U.S. dollar. In 1980, Ronald Regan was elected on a promise to dismantle the unions. He opened up trade relations with Asia that were so profitable that 1984 brought very, very lucrative tax incentives to companies who would send jobs overseas in order to break the backs of working, middle-class Americans. I think we can all agree mission accomplished. The next 20 years brought the back and forth we have come to expect from our elections: mandates, not mandates, moneyed interests followed by calls for income equality and some sort of acknowledgment that lives matter, not the color or income of those lives.

In 2000, we saw the first glimpse of a crack in our electoral system. An election so tainted that it ushered in a group of ignorant ultra-religious zealots known as the Tea Party led by a president who was so ignorant that he had to ask his mama how to do his job. In 2001, we at last had the “enemy” that had been missing from our business landscape. As the business of government languished under the yolk of representation that had no concept of how to govern in a republic and no incentive to compromise (because they had God on their side) the business of war got a great boost.

Halliburton, Bechtel, Exxon Mobile, Remington and all the other big war companies came out of the shadows that had shielded them from exposure since the Vietnam War. Why not? Who was going to call them out on the deals and money they made from a 40-year-old war?

And so we were all in business again. Forget that we no longer manufactured the steel necessary to build the war machines, we had better things. We had the computers and technical know-how to build bigger and better death machines. We had the interna-

tional contacts to get all we wanted manufactured overseas at slave labor wages and delivered anywhere in the world we wanted those products to go. We had Bechtel the builder, Halliburton the logistics, and the oil companies that were driving the wars so they could get their hands on the oil fields. And the American people wonder why we are hated all around the world!

And now the takeover of the government by the corporations has come to pass. Writers of all stripes have written for decades about the time in which corporations would take over the world. They would do it for our own good, because of course we are too ignorant to be able to govern ourselves. We are too ignorant to cast the majority of votes for our choice, because of course, she is a woman.

I am a great proponent of the Electoral College that was originally intended to level the playing field in government so that the most populous states would not run roughshod over the states with smaller populations. Of course, the last time I was really involved with party politics, the members of the state Electoral Colleges were selected using much different criteria. Now the honor is a party favor doled out to anyone who cannot think for themselves. I am not sure we should get rid of the Electoral College, but we should get rid of the poser that was put in the White House.

I heard the other day that they were going to bring back the draft. The government finds that it cannot get quality soldiers by appealing to the patriotism of young people who don’t want to volunteer to be cannon fodder.

I have been told by many that the Selective Service would be a good “jobs program” for poor, unemployed young men. I am sure the boys in the 1960s just loved the jobs program; 58,000 dead and over 500,000 who came back with wounds that have never healed.

So, as the old, fat, white, billionaire boys club goosesteps its way into the West Wing, I would suggest that we start the process of impeachment now. I am not prepared to turn my back on 65 years of progress to go back to a time that was *not* good. Talk to your representative, take to social media, take to the streets. Remember the country you save could be your own.

Thanks for listening.

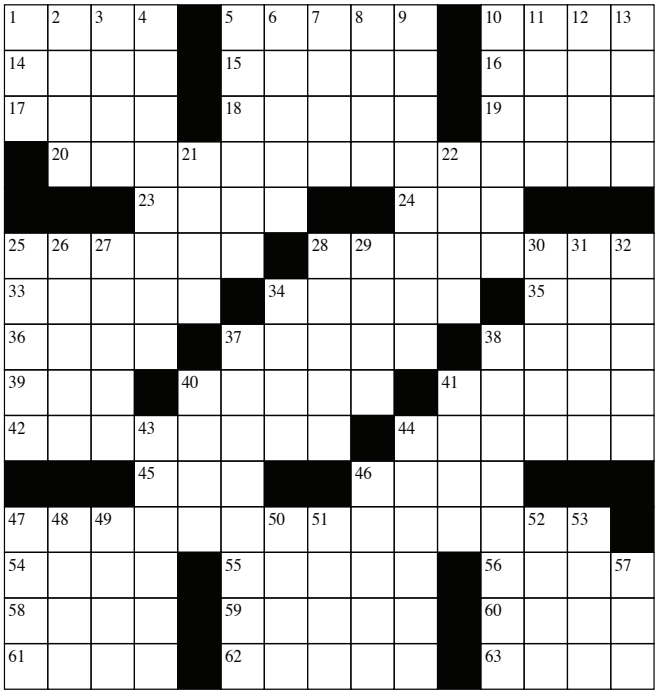
Jan Phelps is an Arcata resident.

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JACOBY'S GIFTING PROJECT The first annual Jacoby's Gifting Project, organized by Coco Maki of PastaLuego, was a success. Presents for nine underprivileged children were collected under the Christmas tree at Arcata Exchange, then presented to the kids at Jacoby's Storehouse. Far left, Melissa Lazon brings gifts for placement under the Arcata Exchange tree. After the gifting ceremony, organizers, left, gathered under the Grand Tree in Jacoby's Storehouse. Left to right, April Joyce, Kelly Joyce, Santa Claus, Gene Joyce (standing) and Robin Joyce. PHOTOS BY COCO MAKI | PASTALUEGO

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCY

A vacancy on the five-member Governing Board of the McKinleyville Union School District, which includes Dow's Prairie Elementary, Morris Elementary, and McKinleyville Middle Schools, has been announced. Applications for the open seat on the Governing Board will be available at the District Office, 2275 Central Avenue, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at: <https://sites.google.com/a/mckusd.org/mckinleyville-union-school-district/board-vacancy-information>

Applications will be received at the District Office until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017.


Interested persons who are at least eighteen years old, live within the boundaries of the McKinleyville Union School District, and are registered voters are welcome to apply for the existing vacancies. All applications become public record upon receipt by the district.

Candidates will be interviewed in open session by the current members of the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Persons wanting to submit questions for the existing Board members to consider during interviewing should do so by Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

A provisional appointment will be made to serve until the next regularly scheduled election for McKinleyville District Board members in November 2017.

Questions regarding the appointment can be directed to Jan Schmidt, District Superintendent, at 839-1549.

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DISCOBALL Brightest part of the year to come?

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It's almost over. 2016 hasn't been the best year and so far next year looks even worse. As Bette Davis put it, "Fasten your seatbelts, it's going to be a bumpy night." There may be stuff happening before and after the big night ahead, but you're on your own to figure that out. Conveniently, the calendar lines things up so the bumpy ride New Year's Eve is on a Saturday night. You can rest up Sunday and be ready for whatever comes next.



THE HUM
Bob Doran

don't see the classic Old Man Old and the Baby New make an appearance. Then again, they tell us, "NYE is for puking in alleys, dreaming up empty promises and drunkly trying to kiss everybody at midnight. Forget about how many stars died this year, that gym membership you were going to buy, or how it's 11:30 and everybody needs to get a lot drunker." Their plan? "Turn

this NYE into your festive, collar-wearing bitch." Okay. Sure.

The Jam has "heavy funk" with **Motherlode** for New "Years" Eve. (Is the apostrophe required? Is it plural? Does anyone care?) They also note, "DJ PC will be spiking an all-Vinyl set to kick off the night." (I'm not sure if this means vinyl records or music by the funk band Vinyl.) Of course DJ PC is aka Pete Ciotti, drummer for Motherlode (and Object Heavy) and the owner of The Jam, who is part of many jams there. He often makes the pizzas too. That's the way things work in the local business world.

The Miniplex at Richards' Goat Tavern has an **RIP 2016 Dance Party** that night. You're invited to "dance and drink the night away as you say goodbye to 2016 and hello to 2017 with your favorite friends," with some DJ playing music, presumably not soul music or heavy funk, but who knows. (Is Pandemonium spinning? They don't say.)

Unlike the Goat folks, the Arcata Playhouse sent out some PR about their plan to "ring in the New" with **Speakeasy** and **The Conglomerates**, as "music, theater and dancing all come together on New Year's Eve." **Speakeasy** is a revue written and performed by Playhouse founder **Jackie Dandeneau** with **Tim Randles** (keys), **Tim Gray** (drums), **Tim Theiss** (guitar) and **Corey Goldman** (bass). "Harkening back to the days of cocktail tables and candlelight, Speakeasy takes you

THE HUM ♦ B2

Welcome to the party, Mr. Evans

The *Union* has a young stringer, a reporter, fresh out of college, named Patrick Evans who occasionally writes for us, but rarely shows up at the office or calls on the phone. But, hey, he's one of our writers so I put him on the Christmas party invite list.

The *Union's* production manager and Scene editor, Lauraine Leblanc, used the subscription list to send out invites and found Patrick Evans' address in McKinleyville. Patrick Evans sent an RSVP by email as instructed. He would be attending the party with his wife. Our young reporter, just out of college, has a wife? Who knew? I responded to Patrick Evans and told him I looked



RAMBLING JACK
Jack Durham

forward to seeing him.

Then, at mid-December's lavish party, I noticed a gentleman at least twice the age of our reporter sitting at the *Union's* overflow table. I didn't recognize him. He was the only one at the table, so I assumed he was just another Plaza Grill patron, taking advantage of an empty table. He was offered his entree of choice, along with as many cocktails as he could consume.

As the party came to an end, the man walked over to me, introduced himself as Patrick Evans, shook my hand and thanked me for the dinner and drinks.

"Do you invite all your subscribers?" he asked. Turns out this was a different Patrick Evans – not the reporter, but a long-time subscriber of the *McKinleyville Press* and, for the past three years, a subscriber of the *Mad River Union*. By accident, a single subscriber was sent an invitation to our annual Christmas party, sent in his RSVP and attended!

And so begins what will become an annual tradition. Each year, a reader will be selected at random and invited to dine with our great crew.

The party was great, the food and drinks were wonderful and the company was tremendous. We have such a diverse, interesting group of contributors.

We at the *Union* take pride in this party, and every year we strive to make it great again. Guests fill themselves with good food and their choice of cocktails, without opening their wallets. Gluttony rules. Mission accomplished!

Oh, and sorry to our reporter, Patrick Evans, for not being invited to the party. I hope your wife isn't upset.



MR. EVANS, I PRESUME? "The Hum" columnist Bob Doran greets the *Union's* mystery guest.

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Union raises funds for civic club

Janine Volkmar

MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Gabe Adams, the go-to-guy in city hall in Trinidad, is an honorary member of the Trinidad Civic Club and he's earning his brownie points with the members by keeping forms for the club's latest fundraiser prominently displayed on the counter at city hall. Through the generosity of *Mad River Union* publishers Jack Durham and Kevin L. Hoover, the club will receive \$10 for every subscription sold to the popular paper. Readers in Trinidad especially appreciate the coverage of civic and social events included in club member Patti Fleschner's weekly column, Trinidad Tidings, and the articles on art and music by another club member, Janine Volkmar. These two writers leave the hard hitting political coverage to the paper's seasoned reporters and editors but everyone in Trinidad waits for Wednesday mornings when the *Union* arrives in their post office boxes to read the latest.

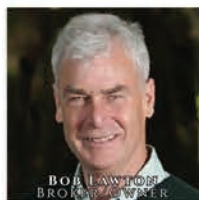
If you haven't subscribed or if your subscription is about to lapse, join the informed batch of readers and subscribe now and support the club at the same time.

The Trinidad Civic Club was

founded in 1913 and members work to care for the Memorial Lighthouse, the library, the cemetery, the fire department, and to offer two yearly scholarships to graduating seniors as well as supporting other causes in Trinidad. The club meets monthly and all are welcome to attend.

HONORARY MEMBER of the Trinidad Civic Club,
Gabe Adams has been known to read a local newspaper that shamelessly self-promotes.

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OLD JAZZ STANDARDS & NEW JAZZ TALES Jackie Dandeneau headlines the New Year's show at the Arcata Playhouse.

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on a journey of old jazz standards and new jazzy tales,” while they serve you drinks at your table just like in a classy nightclub. Then the tables are moved out of the way for a dance floor and tunes by The Conglomerates, basically the same band with some additions (**Gregg Moore, Zuzka Sabata and Siena Nelson**), costume changes and some different music — Joe Strummer and Sharon Jones to the Black Eyed Peas and Louis Prima. Will they play “Auld Lang Syne”? Who knows.

Out in Blue Lake, you’re invited to “ring in 2017” at the Logger Bar with **The Rinky Dink Stringband** (reputedly a bluegrass outfit) plus the requisite champagne toast at midnight and “loads of good cheer!”

Across town, the Saffire has a “Booty Shakin” hip-hop extravaganza featuring **Zion I Crew**, a duo with **Baba Zumbi** (aka **MC Zion**) and beatmaker **Amp Live** from Oakland. Expect a lot of rappers and DJs on stage with **Mr. Lif, Xperience** (aka **XP**), **Pure Powers, DJ M, DJ D’Vinity** and **Gabe Pressure** on the bill. The party runs until 3 a.m. with a midnight toast, a balloon drop, a confetti cannon and a photo booth “for your NYE memories.” This is the priciest party going and you pay more at the door, so plan ahead. Right past a bunch of tempting slot machines, the Wave has ‘**80s NYE with Eyes Anonymous**, should you want to take a break from hip-hop or just enjoy some well-chosen covers for free, or as they put it, “Eighties hits to help you kill 2016.” Worried about driving home? You could stay at the Blue Lake Casino and *Hotel* and spend the night.

As the year crawls to a close, we say

goodbye and a fond farewell for the last time to Eureka’s **Local Beer Bar**. They tell us, “After five amazing beer-filled years we are excited and saddened to announce that we will be closing down The Local Beer Bar permanently on Dec. 31 of this year!”

Darren Cartledge explains, “As many of you know, my wife and I are co-owners of Humboldt Cider Company. The last couple years we have been immersed in the wonderful world of cider making. Our small little side project turned into a full-time job ...” Actually more than one job, as they run a cider taproom at Redwood Acres and Bittersweet, the Arcata cider bar in conjunction with Slice of Humboldt Pie. The Local is closing as the year comes to a close, but eventually plans on reopening as Humboldt Cider Co., taproom No. 2, “open seven days a week with 15 to 20 ciders on tap along with guest taps, beer, wine, kombucha, cider to go and food.” Same, but different. “Keep your eyes peeled for an opening date.”

Are there other things going on Saturday night? I know **Dub Cowboy** is providing a soundtrack of some sort at Six Rivers and they’ll have a champagne toast at midnight. The EDM crowd is at some undisclosed location joining up with Club Triangle, but I’m not supposed to say more. The people who are supposed to be there will be there. There will be other gatherings large and small with folks toasting to “Auld Lang Syne,” which means something like days gone by.

There’s part of the old song by Robert Burns, I’d like to see in the year to come: “We’ll take a cup o’ kindness yet, for auld lang syne.” I’ll drink a cup and more of that kindness. There’s some unkindness coming before long and we’ll need an antidote. Anyway, have a good one, and if you’re on the road Saturday night or early Sunday, be careful. Be safe. Be kind.

Start the year with a new friend

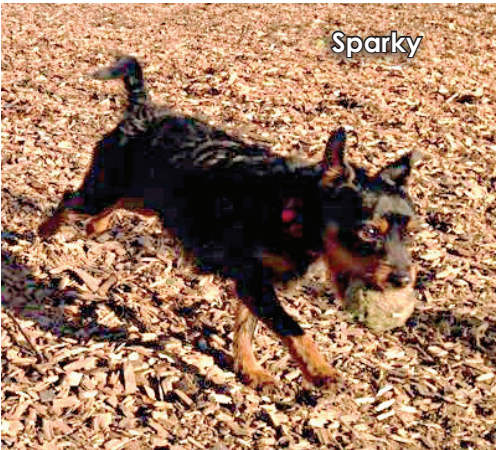
Another year is drawing to a close. I want to thank everyone who has adopted or fostered the animals I write about, all the folks who have donated money, pet food and volunteer time, and all the kind people who take the time to tell me that they have enjoyed this column. It makes a difference!

Lots of dogs and cats found homes and left the shelter in November. December has been a little slower for adoptions but there is still time! The shelter is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week and Tuesday through Friday next week.

There is still quite a variety of dogs available for adoption at the shelter. One little charmer that is up for adoption is the aptly-named Sparky. Sparky is a 2-year-old male dog who appears to be some sort of mix of Miniature Pinscher and wire-haired terrier. He weighs less than 15 lbs. and is lots of fun!

Sparky is good on the leash but really loves the chance to run around in the yard. He plays a pretty good game of fetch, loves to play chase with other dogs and seems to be happy just feeling the wind on his face.

Sparky was adopted once but was returned when it turned out he wasn’t really the lapdog type. This happens with some frequency with small dogs. People expect them to be happy with a rug by the fire and a short trip to the backyard to go potty. Dogs like Sparky are still dogs; they like to run and play and go on adventures just like big dogs. One of the Chihuahuas that I fostered could keep up with my big Hank while he played Frisbee and never even seemed to get tired!



A dog like Sparky offers the perfect combination of big dog spirit in a compact body. Sparky gets along fine with other dogs of all sizes and can be cat-tested at the shelter for compatibility with cats. He can jump fairly high so he needs a yard with secure fencing of a reasonable height if he is going to be outside alone.

Another available dog is the sweet-tem-



❖ DOGTOWN Mara Segal

pered Coco, a 2-year-old Bully breed mix. Coco could have Boxer, Bulldog or Staffordshire in her makeup; it’s hard to pinpoint with any certainty.

Coco has a soft brown coat with a white blaze. She is very cuddly and affectionate and quickly worked her way into the volunteers’ hearts. Though she looks serious in the accompanying photo, she is really very playful and happy. Coco is a fine ambassador for the bully breeds. She loves other dogs and is friendly to everyone she meets.



Coco drew lots of attention at the shelter’s Open House, sitting happily at the front of her kennel and wagging for everyone that passed by. She likes a chance to get out in the play yard and run around. Coco can do a good job of entertaining herself by picking up a toy or a ball and running laps around the yard!

When playtime is over, she is pretty good on the leash. Like most dogs, Coco would benefit from a basic obedience class to refine her skills and cement the bond with her new owner, but she is eager to do the right thing and is a willing student. She will reward the right person with a very loving companion.

Both of these dogs are altered, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. They are available at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

If you are considering a tax-deductible donation before the end of the year, may I suggest a donation to Redwood Pals Rescue (for dogs at risk in the shelter, homeless dog spay and neuter, and foster support) or the shelter’s Emergency Medical Fund (for shelter cats and dogs that need veterinary care for illness or injury)? Please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692 for more information. Thank you!

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *The Borrowers* (1973) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Dec. 28** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. The miniature Clock family live under the floorboards of an old English house, borrowing common household items from the humans above. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

CELTIC NEW YEAR Ring in the New Year with the Crested Hens, local duo of Seabury Gould and Liz Thompson **Fri-**

day, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. at the McKinleyville Library, 1606 Pickett Rd. This is a free, all-ages event featuring seasonal Celtic music and storytelling the whole family can enjoy. Sponsored by the Friends of the McKinleyville Library.

‘WHAT IS A WEEK-END?’ KEET-TV Public Television Channel 13 in Eureka presents a marathon showing of seasons 1 through 6 of *Downton Abbey* New Year’s weekend. The *Masterpiece* classic begins showing Friday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. and concludes Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Except for a very brief interruption, the episodes of each season will run back to back.

SWORD SWALLOWER TALKS INDIVIDUALITY Identifying and applying unique gifts and abilities will be discussed at Lifetree Café **Sunday, Jan. 1** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Be Yourself ... Everyone Else Is Taken,” features a filmed interview with Dan Meyer, a professional sword swallower who holds multiple Guinness World Records. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss the unique gifts and abilities they possess and how they can use them for good. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, bob-dipert@hotmail.com

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28	THURSDAY, DEC. 29	FRIDAY, DEC. 30	SATURDAY, DEC. 31	SUNDAY, JAN. 1	MONDAY, JAN. 2	TUESDAY, JAN. 3
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		7:30 p.m. <i>Trading Places</i>	8 p.m. • Abynth Quartet NYE			
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The GetDown	9 p.m. Eyes Anonymous	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool		9 p.m. Vintage Soul	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata				9 p.m. • New Year's Soul Night			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp Whomp			9:30 p.m. Motherlode	9:30 p.m. Sundaze		9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake				8 p.m. New Year's party	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping-pong
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When I was just a child,
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Now how could love protect me?
When the strong dominate the weak?
I shall be great and fearless,
it’s the sword and crown I seek.



At this age I held great fear,
weakness, meekness, and love I spurned,
years of seeking brought no strength,
and from it all, I’ve learned.

All fine goods and mighty works,
are ephemeral and fleeting,
no majestic symphony,
can match a kind heart’s beating.

Neither do greed nor power,
let one live in highest fashion,
a king seems a fool beside,
a jester with compassion.

Perhaps you doubt compassion,
when feeling poor, sick and choiceless,
yet all humans have a gift,
so precious to the voiceless.

Stay blind to their suffering,
believe yourself unaffected,
but if you want out of the maze,
then see you are connected.

Seen, the string unfolds the maze,
dissolves fears of death and sorrow,
live your life now for others,
live on through them tomorrow.

This poem is inspired by three puppies who were recently brought into Companion Animal Foundation, two of whom are, sadly, no longer with us. Frodo, named for his ability to persevere through great hardship, is the sole surviving sibling. We can already see that Frodo is going to bring immense joy to the family that adopts him, and it is a tragedy that his siblings were not given a chance to do the same. The three puppies were found in a dumpster in the freezing December weather, where they were starving, dehydrated, filled with parasites and infected with canine parvovirus.

Parvovirus is extremely hard for dogs (especially puppies) to overcome and spreads easily, but the sooner you recognize the signs the greater the chances of survival. The symptoms of parvovirus are lethargy, vomiting, loss of appetite and bloody, foul-smelling diarrhea that causes dehydration. For the sake of your animals and animals in our community, please get proper vaccinations against parvovirus and get an animal immediate medical attention if you recognize these symptoms.

Though everything possible was done for these puppies, the fact that they had been thrown out like trash and left to die gave them a nearly impossible chance of surviving. We sincerely plead with you, members of our community, to never treat living beings this way. We are all connected and no matter what situation you find yourself in, what means you think you do or do not possess, you always have a choice to be compassionate and to seek help for those who cannot help themselves. The simple choice of using a phone rather than a dumpster to deal with this situation could have saved the lives of Frodo's siblings.

This article features a photo of Frodo and his sister, taken a day before she died. She will be fondly remembered in our hearts, and we hope the story of these puppies will be remembered in yours.

Frodo is a mixed-breed dachshund puppy who is up for adoption through CAF (though not yet publicly available to



visit). He will be healthy and neutered prior to adoption. If you want to learn more about Frodo, our many adoptable kittens and cats, or our efforts to build a more compassionate community, please call (707) 826-7387 or visit our thrift store and animal program center at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata. You can also visit cafanimals.org, check out our Instagram or find us on Facebook.

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This business was conducted by: An Individual
S/RHEANNE LIMA, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on NOV. 21, 2016
**KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK**
12/17, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
16-00712**
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
**SMEBBIN
SKATEBOARDING
1850 BAIRD RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
IAN W. FOREMAN
1850 BAIRD RD.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/IAN FOREMAN, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 6, 2016
**KELLY E. SANDERS
GW DEPUTY CLERK**
12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4

**ABANDONMENT OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME R-1200705**
County of original filing:
Humboldt
Date of original filing:
12/03/2012
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
**TRINIDAD INN
1170 PATRICKS POINT DR.
TRINIDAD, CA 95570
924 DAISY AVE.
CARLSBAD, CA 92011**
This business was conducted by: A Trust
**S/NANCY A. NOONEN,
TRUSTEE**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 12, 2016
**KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK**
12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
16-00738**
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
**PACIFIC MOTORSPORTS
4001 BROADWAY**

**EUREKA, CA 95503
SCHNEIDER PACIFIC
MOTORSPORTS INC.
C2940386
4001 BROADWAY
EUREKA, CA 95503**
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
**S/VERONICA SARGENT,
GENERAL MANAGER/
VICE PRESIDENT**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 20, 2016
**KELLY E. SANDERS
LH DEPUTY CLERK**
12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
16-00742**
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
**MOBILE MEDITATIONS
& YOGA
456 CROCKETT XING
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
KIMBERLEE A. KELLY
456 CROCKETT XING
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
This business is conducted by: An Individual
**S/KIMBERLEE A. KELLY,
OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 20, 2016
**KELLY E. SANDERS
LH DEPUTY CLERK**
12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF
NAME LEILA BAIRD
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY
OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160948**
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
1. Petitioner LEILA BAIRD has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: KHLOE KUUIPO-LEILANI KA-HOALII to Proposed name MIA HOPE BAIRD.
b. Present name: MIA KEALANI KAHOALII to Proposed name MIA HOPE BAIRD.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: January 9, 2017
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: NOV. 10, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4

**ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
KRISTIN BENJAMIN
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY
OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160998**
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
1. Petitioner KRISTIN BENJAMIN has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: KRISTIN BENJAMIN to Proposed name SEQUOIA COLIBRI KANTARA.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF
NAME LEILA BAIRD
SUPERIOR COURT OF
CALIFORNIA COUNTY
OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160948**
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
1. Petitioner LEILA BAIRD has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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b. Present name: MIA KEALANI KAHOALII to Proposed name MIA HOPE BAIRD.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JACK ALLEN ENGLAND
CASE NO.: PR160345**
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-

ested in the will or estate, or both, of: JACK ALLEN ENGLAND, JACK A. ENGLAND, JACK ENGLAND
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: CHARLENE SARA ENGLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: CHARLENE SARA ENGLAND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 5, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Room: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 5, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 3
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: DEC. 01, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
JACK ALLEN ENGLAND
CASE NO.: PR160345**
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be inter-

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner:
J. BRYCE KENNY
369 8TH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 442-4431
12/14, 12/21, 12/28

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
PETITION TO ADMINIS-
TER ESTATE OF JOSEPH
ANDREW WATERS
CASE NO.: PR160336**
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: JOSEPH ANDREW WATERS
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: SALLY ANN WATERS SOKOLOSKI in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: SALLY ANN WATERS SOKOLOSKI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: January 5, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Room: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

**SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: FL160501
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: RYAN JEFFREY SCURRY
YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHENOA ROTH**
NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be

Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner:
WILLIAM G. BERTAIN
1310 6TH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 443-5078
12/14, 12/21, 12/28

**SUMMONS
CASE NUMBER: FL160501
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YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHENOA ROTH**
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You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be

a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. **NOTE:** The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Humboldt County Superior Court, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: Kelly M. Walsh, 100 M Street, Eureka, CA 95501. DATE: JUL 06 2016 Kim M. Bartleson Clerk, by Kim S. Deputy
12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

**NOTICE OF VACANCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
Due to the resignation of Director Dennis Lindstrom, effective December 13, 2016, a vacancy will exist for the position he occupied serving the Board of Directors of the Arcata Fire Protection District.
The unexpired term of this seat continues through November 2019. As this appointment will occur in the first half of the term of office and more than 130 days prior to the next general district election, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall hold the office through

November 2017 or until the elected person has been qualified. Thereafter, the person elected shall hold office for the unexpired balance of the term through November 2019.

Prospective candidates must reside within the boundaries of Ward 1 of the Arcata Fire Protection District (Ward 1 includes properties located north of Hiller and Gwin Road up to and including Woody Road. Please refer to the map located on www.arcatafire.org for specific details). The Board intends to make its appointment no later than Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Any person interested in being considered for appointment to this seat on the Board of Directors is asked to submit an application of qualifications. Forms are available at any of the District fire stations or through the District website at www.arcatafire.org.

Application deadline is January 12, 2017 at 5 p.m. – postmarks not accepted. Questions concerning this appointment should be directed to the Clerk of the Board, at 825-2000. The Board will consider all applicants at the regular public meeting scheduled for January 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m., 631 9th Street, Arcata, CA. Dated: December 7, 2016 By: Becky Schuette, Clerk of the Board
12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

**CITY OF ARCATA
LEGAL NOTICE
ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 1481**
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on December 21, 2016, the Arcata City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1481, summarized below, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code, Title IX-Land Use Code, Section 9.12.020, Zoning Map, to add the Planned Development Combining Zone to the DeBoni Property, 1695 Heindon Road, Assessor's Parcel Number 507-291-062, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1481 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Ornelas, Pereira, Pitino, Winkler, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Kara Newman-Ferdolage, Deputy City Clerk, City of Arcata

City of Arcata
**Summary of
Ordinance No. 1481**
This ordinance will amend Section 9.12.020, Zoning Map, of the Land Use Code (LUC) to be in conformance with LUC Section 9.92.050, Findings for Zoning Map and Land Use Code Test Amendments, to amend the identified project area (507-291-062) to add the Planned Development Combining Zone to the Commercial – Visitor Serving base zone. The full text of Ordinance No. 1481 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1481 will take effect January 20, 2017.
12/28

**CITY OF ARCATA
LEGAL NOTICE
ADOPTION OF
ORDINANCE NO. 1483**
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on December 21, 2016, the Arcata City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1483, summarized below, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code Approved Testing Methods and Repair Requirements for Building Sewers and Sewer Clean-Outs, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1483 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Ornelas, Pereira, Pitino, Winkler, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Kara Newman-Ferdolage, Deputy City Clerk, City of Arcata

**Summary of
Ordinance No. 1483**
This ordinance amends Section 7453 of the Arcata Municipal Code, Title VII (Public Works), Chapter 2 (Sewers), Article 5 (Inspection and Repair of Building Sewers and Private Sewers at Time of Sale) to revise approved testing methods and repair requirements. The full text of Ordinance No. 1483 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1483 will take effect January 20, 2017.
12/28

Master food preservation



UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HUMBOLDT
EUREKA/LOLETA – Home food preservation simmered on a back burner of the stove for many years, but is now enjoying resurgence in Humboldt County as a result of increased interest in eating healthy, growing and eating local foods, and the revival of a do-it-yourself food movement. When we grow some of our own food, we frequently harvest more than we can use during its growing period. If we know how to preserve it by canning, freezing, drying or pickling, we can enjoy our harvest for months in the future.

Master Food Preservers are trained, dedicated volunteers who help educate the community about food safety and home food preservation using up-to-date, scientifically sound methods. If you enjoy preserving food, you may be interested in completing the Master Food Preserver Program through our local University of California Cooperative Extension Office.

An informational meeting will be held Saturday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Agriculture Center, 5630 South Broadway in Eureka, at the foot of Humboldt Hill. Classes run Saturday, Feb. 4 through Monday, March 13 at the Bear River Community Kitchen in Loleta Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Mondays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fee for the training is \$150, and includes a training manual. Applications are available at cehumboldt.ucdavis.edu.

This program is offered by the University of California Cooperative Extension Office with generous support from the Bear River Community, North Coast Cooperative, as well as many other businesses in the community. Call Deborah Giraud, farm advisor, at (707) 445-7351 for more information.

PREPARE FOR NPA ADMISSIONS Northcoast Preparatory Academy will hold two informational meetings for interested students and families. The middle school pre-enrollment informational meeting is **Tuesday, Jan. 17** at 6:30 p.m. and the high school pre-enrollment informational meeting is **Thursday, Jan. 19** at 6:30 p.m. Both are in the Arcata United Methodist Church sanctuary at 1761 11th St. The initial enrollment period for both the middle and high schools closes Friday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m.; applications must be returned to the school by that time. A lottery to determine admission will be held Monday, Jan. 30 in Room 2 at the church at 4 p.m. for the middle school and at 4:30 p.m. for the high school. To request an application, call the school at (707) 825-1186 weekdays between 8 and 11 a.m.

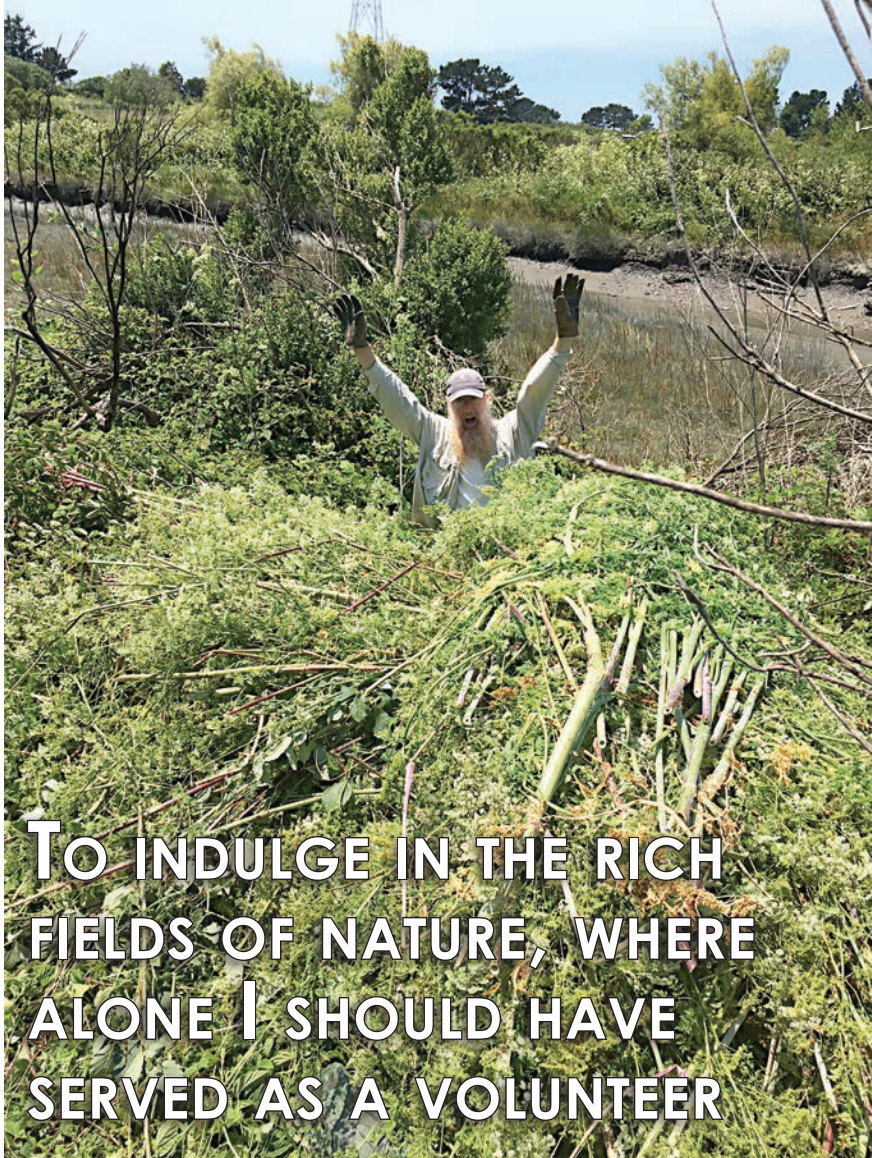


UPCOMING FREE OF CHARGE TESTING SESSION

California Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.)
Testing in Arcata, January 21, 2017

Find out if you have the natural ability to become a successful Police Dispatcher. Individuals from a broad spectrum of employment backgrounds, or people entering the workforce can be surprised to learn they have what it takes to be of great service to their communities. Get your T-Score in January to help open up more employment opportunities locally and statewide.

For further information and to reserve your test slot for January 21st, visit www.cityofarcata.org or call 707-825-2135.



TO INDULGE IN THE RICH
FIELDS OF NATURE, WHERE
ALONE I SHOULD HAVE
SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER



GOOD WORKS! The City of Arcata hosted 27 volunteer workdays in 2016, with 631 volunteers putting in 2,507 Saturday morning hours doing everything from armoring muddy trailheads and carrying crib logs, to planting willow sprigs and pulling out trash. Above left, Friends of the Arcata Marsh's George Ziminsky poses victoriously with a mountain of invasive plants he pulled in June. Top right, Arcata Parks/Facilities/Natural Resources Supervisor Dennis Houghton marshals the troops at the Arcata Community Forest in September. Bottom right, volunteers wheelbarrow gravel to rehab trails in the forest in March. The Humboldt Trails Council's Volunteer Trail Stewards, Humboldt State's Natural Resources Club, Friends of the Arcata Marsh, Arcata High School, Humboldt Fish Action Council, Redwood Community Action Agency, local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops, HSU's Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the California Conservation Corps assisted. Future projects include maintaining the forest trail system, pulling out invasive grass around Humboldt Bay and tree planting along creeks. cityofarcata.org , (707) 825-2163.

ZIMINSKY PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA; OTHER PHOTOS BY MAUREEN MCGARRY | VOLUNTEER CENTER OF THE REDWOODS/RSVP

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 31** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Milt Boyd at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

ART SUPPLIES
823 H Street
On the Plaza, Arcata
(707) 822-4800

FRAME SHOP
616 2nd Street
Old Town Eureka
(707) 443-7017



ART CENTER

PHOTO: GRANT CUNNINGHAM/CA

LIFE UNDER THE SAND Join Friends of the Dunes Executive Director Kim McFarland as she presents "Life Under the Sand: The Story of the Dune Silver Bee," a lecture on the mating and nesting behavior of the Dune Silver Bee, **Thursday, Jan. 5** at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila.



Humboldt Back & Neck Pain Center
839-6300
1585 Heartwood Dr., Ste. B, McKinleyville

Oh Christmas Tree,
Oh Christmas Tree,
Whatever shall we do with thee...
Please, Please, Recycle Me...
Free Drop-off Locations In Your Community:

- Arcata**
- Mad River Compost, 6360 West End Road. Free through the end of January.
 - Eel River Resource Recovery, from Mon-Fri at 555 Vance, until January 15th (707) 441-1043.
 - Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$10, through January 16th. Call (707) 822-8325.
- Blue Lake**
- Free drop off provided by Blue Lake Garbage at Prasch Hall, December 28th through January 15th.
 - Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$10, through January 16th. Call (707) 822-8325.
- Eureka**
- Free drop off at Humboldt Waste Management Authority's Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne St. Through January 16th. Commercial trees do not apply. Call (707) 268-8680.
 - Recology offers curbside tree pickup for \$5 in the Eureka and surrounding County on consecutive Saturdays, January 7th and 14th. Call (707) 442-5711 for details.

- Ferndale**
- Free drop off at Eel River Disposal's Transfer Station 965 Riverwalk Dr, everyday through January 15th. Eel River Disposal picks up trees curbside for \$12 each tree. Call (707) 725-5156.
- Fortuna**
- Free drop off at Eel River Disposal's Transfer Station 965 Riverwalk Dr, everyday through January 15th. Eel River Disposal picks up trees curbside for \$12 each tree. Call (707) 725-5156.
- McKinleyville**
- Free drop off at Humboldt Sanitation's Transfer Station, 2585 Central Ave, through January 15th. • Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$15, through January 16th. Call (707) 822-8325.

- Rio Dell**
- Free drop off at Eel River Disposals Transfer Station 965 Riverwalk Dr, everyday through January 15th. Eel River Disposal picks up trees curbside for \$12 each tree. Call (707) 725-5156.
- Trinidad**
- Free drop off site behind Murphy's Market December 26th through January 17th.

**Please Remove all tinsel,
decorations and ornaments.**

For More Information Contact Humboldt Waste Management Authority at (707) 268-8680

Humboldt Waste Management Authority
1059 West Hawthorne Eureka, Ca 95501
Arcata • Blue Lake • Eureka • Ferndale • Rio Dell • Humboldt County